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INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

Disarmament will fail of acceptance, and probably but a limited plan of international arbitration will be agreed upon at the Hague, but still the effort made in the direction of permanent peace was worth the making. The Conference has set the world thinking, talking and writing about peace, and hereafter it will be a little harder for an aggressive power to want only break the peace than it was before. The assurance of permanent peace can only come when the masses have become fully indoctrinated with a sense of the wantonness, wickedness and costliness of war.

To the burdens which war imposes the people are becoming aroused. The most successful wars bring no rewards to the toiling masses, but only burdens instead. As an instance the war between Germany and France in 1870 may be cited. In that fierce conflict everything went prosperously for Germany. Her enemy was quickly conquered and compelled to pay an indemnity of five billions of dollars. Germany acquired two provinces on the Rhine, also. But the German people, the taxpayers and workers, have reaped only a harvest of burdens from their victory. German unity was attained and the thirst for military glory was glutted, but the taxes are heavier and it is harder for the working-man to provide bread for his family than before.

Such being the fruits of a most successful war, what must be the lesson to the vanquished—to France in 1870 and to Spain in 1898! The people, groaning beneath the cost of vast armies and fleets, will ere long demand that wars shall cease. Then rulers will no longer be able to compel their people to fight in wanton or unjust warfare. And then arbitration as a means of settlement for international disputes will be accepted. The principle is steadily growing in popular favor throughout the world. The rejection of the British American arbitration treaty by the Washington Senate a few years ago, has really strengthened the sentiment in favor of the arbitration principle. So it will be with the Conference at the Hague. However limited may be its immediate results it may be hoped to give an impetus to the cause of peace.

TUBERCULOUS COWS.

That the danger of contracting tuberculosis from diseased cattle is a very real one is shown by a number of cases cited by the Chicago Inter-Ocean. In one case referred to a little girl died of consumption. Upon investigation it was found that the cow of a neighbor, which supplied the two families with milk had a bad cough. Shortly afterward the owner of the cow died of quick consumption, and now his wife is dying of the same malady. It is claimed that this particular cow communicated the disease in fatal form to these three persons at least.

Again, as to the prevalence of the disease. We believe there is comparatively little tuberculosis among our Island cattle. But if our herds are not entirely free from it there are the gravest reasons for measures being taken to prevent its spread, or its introduction from abroad. It is very prevalent among the cattle in other lands. The Chicago Inter-Ocean, before quoted, tells that at a postmortem examination made the other day at the stockyards in that city twenty-seven cows out of a single herd were found far gone in consumption. And yet it was from these very cattle that the Governor of the State of Illinois, along with many other people of the wealthy class were supplied with milk daily. Quite naturally the disclosure of these facts made a profound impression upon the public mind.

We have no desire to play the role of alarmists, but where a real danger to the public health exists, and especially where such danger is unsuspected, it is the clear duty of the press to make the facts known. Fortunately there are tested herds from which Charlottetown can be supplied, and consumers who are careful of the health of their families can readily protect them against the danger of diseased milk. It is worth while to be sure in these matters, in view of the fact that Prof. Virchow, the most eminent phylogist of the day, has given us the statement that "the milk of one tuberculous cow may depopulate a village."

This journal seems to have "waked to ecstasy the living liar" of the Patriot, so to speak.

The license organ affects to have discovered that THE GUARDIAN, is "repudiated by the powerful Methodist body." The "repudiation" is about as much in evidence as those "stacks of commendatory letters" which the Patriot professed to have received.

The Redistribution Bill has been amended by the government so as to give Toronto five members instead of four, as at first proposed, and Kent County, Ont., will have but two instead of the three proposed. The Toronto Globe's Ottawa correspondent says there is now a disposition among moderate Conservatives to accept the Bill, and that it will pass both the Commons and the Senate and become law before a month has passed.

Another Conservative member has crossed the floor of the Commons in imitation of Hon. John Costigan. This time it is Dr. J. L. Bethune, of Baddeck, M. P. for Victoria, Cape Breton. Dr. Bethune was born in 1850, of Scottish parentage. He is Lieut. Col. of the 94th Battalion Argyle Highlanders, a Coroner and Justice of the Peace, and was at one time a Census Commissioner under the Conservative Government. He sat in the Nova Scotia Assembly for ten years, from 1886 to 1896 as a Conservative and resigned to contest the Commons seat in the latter year.

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